

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 receiving at least one business transaction;
3 determining whether the business transaction satisfies at
4 least one configurable business rule; and
5 establishing a subsequent business transaction based on
6 the results.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the configurable business
2 rule specifies a relationship between the received business
3 transaction and the subsequent business transaction.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the configurable business
2 rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction
3 associated with the received business transaction, a time
4 relationship between the received business transaction and a
5 subsequent business transaction, and a business event
6 associated with the received business transaction.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising processing
2 business transactions having different formats.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a
2 message indicating that the business transaction does not
3 satisfy a configurable business rule.

1 6. An apparatus comprising:
2 a memory; and
3 a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor
4 is configured to:
5 receive at least one business transaction,
6 determine whether the business transaction satisfies
7 at least one configurable business rule, and
8 establish a subsequent business transaction based on
9 the results.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the configurable
2 business rule specifies a relationship between the received
3 business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the configurable
2 business rule is configured based on at least one of a
3 jurisdiction associated with the received business
4 transaction, a time relationship between the received business
5 transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a
6 business event associated with the received business
7 transaction.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is
2 further configured to process business transactions having
3 different formats.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor is
2 further configured to send a message indicating that the
3 business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business
4 rule.

1 11. An article comprising a computer-readable medium that
2 stores executable instructions for causing a computer system
3 to:

4 receive at least one business transaction;
5 determine whether the business transaction satisfies at
6 least one configurable business rule; and
7 establish a subsequent business transaction based on the
8 results.

1 12. The article of claim 11, comprising instructions for
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business
3 transaction satisfies a configurable business rule, wherein
4 the configurable business rule specifies a relationship
5 between the received business transaction and the subsequent
6 business transaction.

1 13. The article of claim 11, comprising instructions for
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business
3 transaction satisfies a configurable business rule, wherein
4 the configurable business rule is configured based on at least
5 one of a jurisdiction associated with the received business

6 transaction, a time relationship between the received business
7 transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a
8 business event associated with the received business
9 transaction.

1 14. The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions
2 for causing the computer to process business transactions
3 having different formats.

1 15. The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions
2 for causing the computer to send a message indicating that the
3 business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business
4 rule.

1 16. A method comprising:
2 accessing a system that is configured to:
3 determine whether a business transaction satisfies
4 at least one configurable business rule, in response to
5 receiving the business transaction, and
6 establish a subsequent business transaction based on
7 the results.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the configurable business
2 rule specifies a relationship between the received business
3 transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the configurable business
2 rule is configured based on at least one of a jurisdiction
3 associated with the received business transaction, a time
4 relationship between the received business transaction and a
5 subsequent business transaction, and a business event
6 associated with the received business transaction.

1 19. The method of claim 16, further comprising processing
2 business transactions having different formats.

1 20. The method of claim 16, further comprising sending a
2 message indicating that the business transaction does not
3 satisfy a configurable business rule.

1 21. An apparatus comprising:
2 a memory; and
3 a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor
4 is configured to access a system that is adapted to:
5 receive at least one business transaction,
6 determine whether the business transaction satisfies
7 at least one configurable business rule, and
8 establish a subsequent business transaction based on
9 the results.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configurable
2 business rule specifies a relationship between the received
3 business transaction and the subsequent business transaction.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the configurable
2 business rule is configured based on at least one of a
3 jurisdiction associated with the received business
4 transaction, a time relationship between the received business
5 transaction and a subsequent business transaction, and a
6 business event associated with the received business
7 transaction.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is
2 further configured to process business transactions having
3 different formats.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor is
2 further configured to sending a message indicating that the
3 business transaction does not satisfy a configurable business
4 rule.

1 26. An article comprising a computer-readable medium that
2 stores executable instructions for causing a computer system
3 to:
4 view a business transaction from a system that is
5 configured to:

6 receive the business transaction,
7 determine whether the business transaction satisfies
8 at least one configurable business rule, and
9 establish a subsequent business transaction based on
10 the results.

1 27. The article of claim 26, comprising instructions for
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business
3 transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule,
4 wherein the configurable business rule specifies a
5 relationship between the received business transaction and the
6 subsequent business transaction.

1 28. The article of claim 26, comprising instructions for
2 causing the computer to determine whether the business
3 transaction satisfies at least one configurable business rule,
4 wherein the configurable business rule is configured based on
5 at least one of a jurisdiction associated with the received
6 business transaction, a time relationship between the received
7 business transaction and a subsequent business transaction,
8 and a business event associated with the received business
9 transaction.